(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as Joint Ventures with reputed hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner.

(d) to (f). Government is aware about the concern of Unions of ITDC to safeguard the interest of workers. Every possible effort will be made in this regard in any arrangement that is finalised.

Upper Indravati Irrigation Project

5260. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to review the existing technical arrangement of Upper Indravati Irrigation Project with a foreign company; and

(b) if so, the reactions of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Post offices with Speed Post Facility

5261. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices in the country in which Speed Post facility is available;

(b) the number of days for which an employees is posted at the speed post counter;

(c) the amount paid as incentive money to the employees posted at speed post counters during the last two years; and

(d) the objectives of providing additional amount as incentive to the salaried staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) The Speed Post facility is available in 476 post offices in the country

(b) Normally an employee is posted for the period of 2 years at the Speed Post Counter.

(c) The amount of Rs. 51,00,869.40 has been paid to the employees posted at Speed Post Counters during the last two years.

(d) The objectives are to ensure booking of Speed Post articles above the threshold Level at the Speed Post Counters where separate staff has been sanctioned and at other counters where separate staff has not been sanctioned the incentive is paid for work done by employees in additions to their normal duties.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Relay Centre in Rajmahal Region in Bihar

5262. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a 10 KW Relay Centre in Rajmahal